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SUBJECT: ECUADOR: CLEARED TO PROVIDE PRICE QUOTE REGARDING
POTENTIAL GOE PURCHASE OF F-16S

REF: QUITO 216

Classified By: WHA/AS Thomas Shannon. Reasons: 1.4 (A), (B), and (D).

(C) Reftel requested Washington guidance regarding providing a price quote for the possible purchase of 24 F-16 C/D Block 50 Mid-Life Upgrade (MLU) aircraft by the Ecuadorian Air Force (FAE). State, DOD/OSD, and NSC concur that it is appropriate to provide the GOE a quote, and Post may initiate the process. However, this should not be construed as interagency guidance or agreement that F-16s should be sold to Ecuador--simply that providing a price quote is acceptable at this time.

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